REMARKS

This application is in condition for allowance. The formal matters have been corrected in the drawings and in the Specification. In particular, Fig. 1 has been corrected to show the coupling element CE and the optics module OM. Fig. 1 has also been corrected to show that the invented device can be constructed as a link system LS with a zoom system ZS as an alternative to a slit lamp SL. The Specification has been amended to include these reference numbers.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and a prompt to that effect are earnestly solicited.

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